Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The answer is 'no date is fixed'. I want to know only the approximate date on which it is generally supplied.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It is supplied by the end of Dhanu; that is, the supply begins from the beginning of Kanni and comes to a close by the beginning of Makaram. All the articles are not supplied in a lump. It is supplied according to necessity. It is sent in the course of several months, but all before the beginning of Makaram.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Am I to understand that all available articles are sent?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—According to necessity all articles have been supplied; but not the total quantity, that is all. Now we have issued all the articles; but at the time when the answer was prepared, the whole quantity had not been supplied.

President.—Is it because you had not the articles with you that you did not supply the whole quantity?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes.

251. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when was stationery supplied to the Police Out-posts in the Mukundapuram Taluk last;

(b) whether stationery for 1104 is supplied to them; if so, the exact date?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) 1. Karupadana Out-post on 23rd Chingam 1103.

2. Mala on 5th Kanni 1103.
3. Adoor do.
4. Varandrappalli and Pudukkad on 18th Chingam 1103.

(b) Yes, available articles were sent to the Cusba stations for distribution on 5th Dhanu 1104 and 6th Dhanu 1104.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Here it is said that articles were supplied to Mala Out-post on 5th Kanni 1103. Is it supplied earlier than the usual time?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—As a rule stationery articles are supplied to the different sub-stations as soon as they are received in the Head office; it may sometimes be delayed. Even then as a rule they are supplied before the end of Kanni.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—If articles are not supplied, how can the Out-posts manage?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—They must have been writing with pen and ink supplied in the previous year. By the beginning of the year they would not become quite useless.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—If it is exhausted?

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Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No such complaint has ever come to me.

President.—Particular care is taken that they are not put to any difficulties for want of stationery.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So no complaints have reached the Commissioner of Police?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No. If there was any difficulty the articles would be sent at once, even by means of a special messenger.

Supply of Dress to Police Constables.

252. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the Police Constables in the Out-posts were supplied with dress last;

(b) whether the dress yearly supplied to them was supplied for 1104, if so the date?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Early in Dhanu 1103.

(b) Not yet supplied.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Even now the dresses for the Police peons are not supplied.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—That answer was prepared early in Kanni. The supply commenced in Vrischigam and was closed in Dhanu. The answer given there is a mistake.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Last year when was it given?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Early in Dhanu 1103.

Disbursement of pay to the Out-post Constables.

253. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the exact dates on which the pay of the Out-post Constables was paid to them during each of the last four months?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) Mithunam pay—between the 14th and 16th of Karkadagam.

(2) Karkadagam pay—between the 9th and 11th of Chingam 1104.

(3) Chingam pay—between the 12th and 14th of Kanni.

(4) Kanni pay—between the 13th and 15th of Thulam.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know when the Commissioner of Police received his salary for the month of Mithunam 1103?

President.—On the first of Karkadagam, if it is not a holiday.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know when the pay of the officers under Government is given generally?

President.—On the first generally.

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